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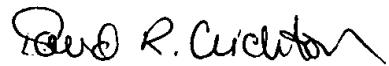
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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of U.S. Patent 5,552,316, EP 0448926 and the J.-G. Shan article were supplied, along with a copy of the International Search Report when this application entered the U.S. national phase. Therefore, copies of the above-mentioned are not being submitted with this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants are herewith enclosing copies of the British Search Report and the references cited therein.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form.

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